

Jennings County Commissioner Meeting  
March 21, 2019 6:30 P.M.

All members were present.

The meeting was opened with Ellie Bright leading the pledge.

Nicci Lucas was first on the agenda with the proposed changes for the clinic. The changes increase clinic hours on Wednesday to 5:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The nurse practitioner will work Wednesday 6 a.m.-2 p.m. MD hours on Wednesday are eliminated (8 a.m.-12 p.m.). Two staff members (RN and MA) will stay the additional hours on Wednesday from 1 p.m.-2p.m. Monday hours will increase to 7 a.m. -5 p.m. (provider 8 a.m.-5 p.m.). Two staff members (RN and MA) will stay the additional hours on Monday from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. These changes would take effect April 1, 2019. The cost increase for the remainder of 2019 would be an additional \$3,027.60. The funding will come from the same place as healthcare insurance fund. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve proposed changes for the clinic. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Nicci's next order of business was the insurance increase for the volunteer fire departments. The current amount budgeted was \$60,000. After revising the insurance to give the fire departments adequate coverage, the new total was \$67,179. More detailed information was needed before the commissioners could make a decision.

Next order of business was getting signatures on the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the plan. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Auditor Tessia Salsman brought forth a quote from Designed Sound & Video out of Greensburg, Indiana. The quote is for replacement of the current recording system as well as adding three wireless microphone systems. The quote was for \$2,130.88. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the purchase of the new system payable from Cum Courthouse. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Next, Tessia presented the Commissioners with an issue pertaining to the cloud storage backup. Rob Brehm with Eagle Point Technology stated in an email that they are consistently running into issues with backups because the cloud storage space is inadequate. Eagle Point would like to increase storage from 3.5 Terabytes to 7 Terabytes. Currently the monthly payment is \$325, after the increase in storage; the payment would be \$625 per month. After some discussion, the Commissioners thought more information was needed before making a decision.

Sheriff Freeman came before the Commissioners with requests to use commissary funds. His first request was to use commissary funds to pay for the Sheriff's Office Legal Deputy. The retainer is \$2,000, and cost being \$190/hour. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow use of commissary funds for the legal deputy. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Sheriff's second order of business was to request permission to use the funds to pay for a joint venture/airboat for water rescue operations. The amount requested was \$19,000. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow the use of commissary funds to purchase an airboat up to \$19,000. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. The third order of business was to vote on a plan to add the additional nine jailers. This plan was tabled because of funding issues. Sheriff Freeman's last order of business was to request permission to hire an officer to work the sexual registry. There is a \$15,000 budget line for this position. Sheriff Freeman would like to add money from the commissary fund to that salary if needed to get through 2019. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow Sheriff Freeman to hire an officer for \$15,000 and add commissary money to the salary if needed. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Jim Reeves, County Highway, came before the Commissioners concerning the MUTC contract for the fairgrounds. He stated that the contract was supposed to come today and it did not. The dates requested were April 15-May 20. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow Matt Sporleder to sign once Ellie Bright approves the contract. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow MUTC to perform their military exercise. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

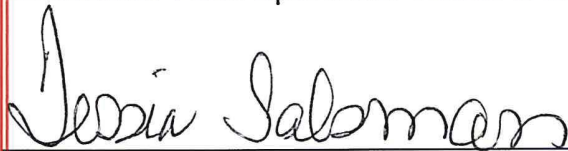
Ellie Bright requested a vote on an updated interlocal agreement for the Jackson/Jennings Work Release program. The agreement is for fifty beds guaranteed to Jennings County. The price is not to exceed \$75,000 twice a year. Bob Willhite made a motion to proceed with the fifty bed guarantee and price not to exceed \$75,000 twice a year. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Ellie's next order of business was a request from Jackson County REMC. They are applying for the Next Level Communications Grant. One of the requirements is letters of recommendation. Jackson County REMC requested a letter of recommendation from the Commissioners. Matt Sporleder will sign the letter once it is ready.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign and approve prior minutes. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign payroll and claims. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.



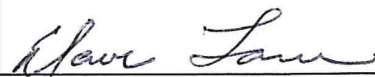
Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President



Robert Willhite, Commissioner Vice-President



Dave Lane, Commissioner